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SUBJ: JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING (U)
A. SECSTATE 203068 102235Z AUG 78 (C) NOTAL (USNMR)
B. AMEMBASSY MADRID 07621 061748Z JUL 78 (C)

1. (U) REFERENCES A AND B SET UP A MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH
COUNCIL IN NEW YORK CITY ALTHOUGH FINAL PREPARATIONS ARE
CONTINGENT ON FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA'S ACCEPTANCE OF SECRETARY
VANCE'S OFFER OF 4 OCT FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE JOINT
MILITARY COMMITTEE MET FOR THE LAST TIME IN SEPTEMBER 1977
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DIRECTLY PRECEDING THE LAST PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING. IT IS
IMPERATIVE. THAT A MEETING OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

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BE SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON, D. C., ONE DAY IN ADVANCE OF THE 4 OCT COUNCIL MEETING TO PROPERLY FORMULATE THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE A BRIEF WASHINGTON EXPOSURE TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED SPANISH CHAIRMAN.

2. (C1 THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE OFFERED:

A. HOLD THE JMC MEETING IN WASHINGTON NEAR THE SITE FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WOULD MINIMIZE TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMEN AND OTHERS ATTENDING IN SUPPORT OF BOTH MILITARY AND COUNCIL MEETINGS. THE LAST TWO MEETINGS OF THE JMC (MAY AND SEP 77) WERE HELD IN MADRID; FURTHER INDICATING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF A WASHINGTON MEETING.

B. HOLD THE MILITARY MEETING SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE, PREFERABLY THE MORNING OF 3 OCT, WHICH WOULD PERMIT TIMELY CONSIDERATIONS OF POTENTIAL MILITARY MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO OTHER COUNCIL PRINCIPALS BEFORE GOING INTO SESSION ON THE MORNING OF 4 OCT IN NYC.

C. THAT ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF THE WASHINGTON PRESENCE OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN, SPANISH JCS, FOR AN OFFICE CALL

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WITH GEN JONES DIRECTLY PRECEDING THE MILITARY MEETING AND;
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IF POSSIBLE, OFFICE CALLS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE CHIEFS OF STAFF, TO BE EITHER HELD BETWEEN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 3 OCT OR PRECEDING THE MILITARY MEETING DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 2 OCT. A NEW SPANISH CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO REPLACE LTG GALARZA ON OR ABOUT 9 SEP WHEN GENERAL GALARZA TERMINATES ACTIVE SERVICE IF ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE APPROVED, THE SPANISH CJCS WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE ON SUNDAY, 1 OCT, WITH THAT DAY AND THE MORNING OF MONDAY, 2 OCT FREE. THIS WOULD ALLOW THE AFTERNOON OF 2 OCT AND THE ENTIRE DAY OF 3 OCT FOR SCHEOULING THE MILITARY MEETING AND BRIEF OFFICE CALLS AS OUTLINED ABOVE WITH A SUBSEQUENT DEPARTURE FOR NYC THE EVENING OF 3 OCT.

3.(U) THE NEW SPANISH CO DIRECTOR; COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF, MG RICARDO AROZARENA GIRON, SPANISH ARMY, HAS BEEN IN HIS POSITION SINCE MARCH 1978. IT WOULD ALSO BE ADVANTAGEOUS AND TIMELY TO ORIENT HIM TO THE IN PLACE ACTIVITIES OF THE US JOINT STAFF WITH APPROPRIATE AND INFORMAL OPERATIONAL

AND ORGANIZATIONAL BRIEFINGS AS WELL AS OFFICE CALLS WITH

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KEY MEMBERS OF THE JOINT STAFF. THIS EXPOSURE WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED SPANISH JOINT STAFF AS WELL AS THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE AND ITS COMBINED STAFF. IF APPROVED, MG STAN L. MCCLELLAN, USA, AND MG AROZARENA, SA, CO-DIRECTORS OF THE US-SPANISH CMCPS, WOULD ARRIVE ON THURSDAY, 28 SEP FOR A VISIT TO THE JOINT STAFF ON FRIDAY, 29 SEP AND MONDAY, 2 OCT, PRECEDING THE TUESDAY, 3 OCT JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. (U) REQUEST CONSIDERATIONS OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR (1) SUBSEQUENT PROPOSAL FOR THE WASHINGTON JMC MEETING BY THE US CHAIRMAN TO HIS COUNTERPART, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPANISH JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND (2) APPROVAL OF THE US-SPANISH CO-CONFIDENTIAL

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DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO THE US JOINT STAFF DIRECTLY PRECEDING THE JMC MEETING.

5. (U) PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED EARLY SEP BY THIS HEADQUARTERS IN PREPARATION FOR THE JMC MEETING. HQ USEUCOM POINT OF CONTACT IS CDR R. J. CALHOUN, ECJ5-O, EXT PM 5655/8329.

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